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Steve,

As we spoke on the phone, here is some information concerning the Norphlet Chemical Company. NCC is shut down and has at least 7800 ga. of HF stored in a manner that may be immediately dangerous to the life and health of the town of Norphlet. This facility is having difficulty removing the HF from the site and due to what appears to be a lack of proper maintenance at the site may present a clear and present danger to the entire population of the Norphlet School District. All levels of the school system are located in close proximity to the site.

The maintenance issues include severely corroded bolts on relief devices, a leaking pressure transmitter, a de-powered mitigation system and questionably engineered relief device schemes.

The site manager (only site operations employee) has expressed concern that the site presents a danger to the community.

Also, as we mentioned, the site manager stated an EPA Region 6 contract inspector was on site a couple of weeks ago. We are havng

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